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SUBJECT: BRANIFF REQUEST FOR OMITTING PANAMA ON BOGOTA
ROUTE

REF: ROESCH-LIBERA TELCON JULY 24

1. EMBOFF MET WITH LIC. FERNANDO SILVA JIMENEZ, CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT AND DISCUSSED BRANIFF REQUEST FOR OMITTING PANAMA ON ROUTE TO BOGOTA (ROUTE B.2 IN BILATERAL). SILVA AGREED WITH EMBOFF THAT CLAUSE 3 OF 1977 CIVAIR ACCORD TECHNICALLY PERMITS CARRIER TO DROP ANY CITY FROM PROPOSED ROUTE. HE CONTENDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHOLE QUESTION OF MEXICO-SOUTH AMERICAN ROUTES HAD BEEN VERY DELICATE DURING DISCUSSIONS LAST DECEMBER. GOM, HE SAID, HAD COMPROMISED BY CONCEDING MEXICO-PANAMA-POINTS BEYOND ROUTE, WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT PANAMA WOULD CERTAINLY BE A STOP ON THE ROUTE. ALLOWING BRANIFF TO DROP PANAMA, HE CONTENDED, WOULD CONSTITUTE BREAKING SPIRIT IF NOT LETTER OF ACCORD.

2. SILVA INDICATED THAT FINAL DECISION RESTS WITH ING. JORGE CENDEJAS QUESADA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS, WHO WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THURSDAY, JULY 27. SILVA WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH CENDEJAS, NOTING CON-

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CERN OF BRANIFF AND EMBASSY.

3. EMBOFF NEXT MET WITH CHARLES SOUTH, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BRANIFF, AND BRIEFED HIM ON MEETING WITH SILVA. SOUTH AND ACOSTA, BRANIFF LOCAL REP, THEN MET WITH SILVA THEMSELVES AND REPORTED BACK TO EMBOFF THAT THEY RECEIVED ESSENTIALLY SAME STORY. THEY FELT, HOWEVER, THAT SILVA

WAS PROBABLY IN FAVOR OF GRANTING THEIR REQUEST BUT HAD
TO GET OKAY FROM HIS BOSS.

4. SOUTH CONTENDS THAT BRANIFF ALREADY MADE CONCESSIONS
DURING NEGOTIATIONS, BY GIVING UP MEXICO-PANAMA PASSENGER
RIGHTS AND BY GIVING UP ALL RIGHTS TO FLY MEXICO-CARACAS.
SOUTH INDICATED THAT IF THEIR REQUEST IS NOT GRANTED, HE
WILL AGAIN CALL UPON DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT BRANIFF
POSITION. LUCEY

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